

ABSTRACT

ARTICLE WITH LASER ENGRAVED IDENTIFICATION MARK

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An article includes a polymer coating extending over a region of an exterior surface of the article and a laser engraved identification mark formed within the coating. The polymer coating has a color that contrasts with the color of the exterior surface, resulting in an identification that is distinct and easy to read. Optionally, the laser

10 engraved identification mark represents species data pertaining to the article while the polymer coating can be used to create a second identification mark that represents genus data pertaining to the article, consequently facilitating visual differentiation of various articles by the consumer while also reducing manufacturing costs.